

# Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



**Roving Ranger Programs** are presented to you by a partnership team comprised of both National Park Service and Forest Service rangers and volunteers. The Roving Rangers provide free ranger programs that are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors with family, friends and your neighborly park ranger!  
Come exploring with us today!



**Roving Ranger Programs take place from Memorial Day to Labor Day (Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>). Please check back in the spring to learn about upcoming programs.**

**Over the winter, programs provided at the Flagstaff National Monuments can be learned about by contacting park visitor centers.**

**Sunset Crater Volcano**

**<https://www.nps.gov/sucr>**

**(928) 526-0502**

**Walnut Canyon**

**<https://www.nps.gov/waca>**

**(928) 526-3367**

**Wupatki**

**<https://www.nps.gov/wupa>**

**(928) 679-2365**

# Event Directions and Details

Program Location	Directions	Description	What to Bring
Arizona Snowbowl Skyride Summit Ranger Talks	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lift cost \$19/person age 13-64, \$10/person age 6-12 &amp; 65-up, and free age 5 and under.</li> <li>Ranger talks are always free.</li> <li>Visitors should be comfortable with heights.</li> <li>High elevation: 11,500 feet.</li> <li>Weather changes happen rapidly; be prepared!</li> <li>Great views &amp; kid friendly.</li> <li>Open every day Memorial Day weekend through mid-October.</li> <li>Roving Ranger Talks are Every Friday, Saturday, &amp; Sunday, Memorial Day through mid-October.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>Sun protection.</li> <li>Water &amp; snacks.</li> <li>Walking shoes.</li> <li>Camera.</li> </ul>
Aspen Loop Trail	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 1 mile round trip.</li> <li>Great opportunity to see aspen trees and mixed conifers. <b>Located</b> north of Flagstaff. Drive north 7 miles on US 180, then seven up Snowbowl Road.</li> <li>Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>Sun protection.</li> <li>Water &amp; snacks.</li> <li>Walking shoes.</li> <li>Camera.</li> </ul>
Bismark Lake/Little Springs Guided Walk	Go N. 22 miles on Hwy 180. Turn right onto the second FR 151 intersection just beyond MP 235. Go 1.6 mi to fork and continue on FR 151 (right fork) another 0.8 mi to small meadow and park at junction with FR 418B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hike to the AZ Trail into mountain meadows with spectacular views of the San Fran Peaks. Then loop down to Little Spring, where C. Hart Merriam set up camp for his study of climate zones.</li> <li>Difficulty: moderate ascent to 8800 ft.'</li> <li>Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>Sun protection.</li> <li>Water.</li> <li>Snacks/lunch</li> <li>Trekking poles.</li> <li>Hiking shoes.</li> </ul>
Bonito Campground Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program conducted by a Roving Rangers usually every Friday Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.</li> <li>See above flyer for the topic of discussion.</li> <li>45 minutes in length.</li> <li>Seating provided.</li> <li>Wheelchair accessible.</li> <li>Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures .</li> <li>Flashlight.</li> </ul>

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Bonito Meadow Guided Walks	Headed North on H-89 make a right-hand turn on Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument access road. Drive 0.8-miles off Hwy 89 and meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come discover the beauty of the Bonito Meadow.</li> <li>• Hike is an easy 2.2-mile, off-trail ramble.</li> <li>• Off-trail, uneven, brushy terrain.</li> <li>• 360° vistas!</li> <li>• Approximately 1.5 hours.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Snacks.</li> <li>• Trekking poles.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Dairy Springs Guided Walks & Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairy Springs Loop is approximately 1/3 of a mile round trip.</li> <li>• 45 minutes in length.</li> <li>• This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs.</li> <li>• Easy, kid friendly walk.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Lower O'Leary Volcano Guided Walk	Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff; turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. (FS Rd. 545). Drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Group Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lower section of the O'Leary Volcano hike is a beautiful walk up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak.</li> <li>• The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 2 miles round trip.</li> <li>• Great opportunity to learn and experience the geologic wonders, plants, and birds of the area</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Mormon Lake Riding the Rails Guided Walk.	Go 20 miles south on Lake Mary Road and turn right on FR 90 (Mormon Lake Road). Go 2 miles and Forest Service Road 132.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join rangers, on the 1887 Arizona Mineral Belt RR grade from its summit to Mormon Lake.</li> <li>• Lots of railroad history and stories.</li> <li>• See the Mormon Lake loop road in a new way.</li> <li>• Difficulty: moderate.</li> <li>• Approximately 3 hours.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Snacks</li> <li>• Trekking poles.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Pine Grove Campground Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program conducted by a Roving Ranger usually every Saturday Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.</li> <li>• See above flyer for the topic of discussion.</li> <li>• 45 minutes in length.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures.</li> <li>• Flashlight.</li> </ul>

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Rio de Flag/Hidden Hollow Guided Walk.	Drive North on H-180 from Flagstaff. Drive approx. 1/2-mile northwest of the Peak View Market & Shell station in Cheshire. Meet at the Hidden Hollow Rd turnoff from Hwy 180.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An easy, 2-mile walk in sun &amp; shade along the Rio de Flag and on the 1857 Beale Wagon Road.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Programs & Guided Walks	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience the Sunset Crater Volcano.</li> <li>• Kid friendly.</li> <li>• Park entrance fees apply.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> <li>• Food/Snacks</li> </ul>
Walker Lake Guided Walk	Meet at the intersection of FR 151 and Hwy 180, just past MP 235.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walker Lake Hike: Is a great hike to the rim of a volcano with a lake in its crater.</li> <li>• Spectacular views of the Peaks, the Painted Desert, and the distant Grand Canyon.</li> <li>• Difficulty: moderate.</li> <li>• No dogs, please.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Snacks.</li> <li>• Trekking poles.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Walnut Canyon Guided Walks & Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come discover the beauty of Walnut Canyon National Monument.</li> <li>• Kid friendly.</li> <li>• Park entrance fees apply.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Wupatki National Monument Programs and Guided Walks	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience the pueblo structures first hand.</li> <li>• Kid friendly.</li> <li>• Park entrance fees apply.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>

# Roving Rangers History

**The Roving Rangers** is a partnership team comprised of both rangers and volunteers from the National Park Service and the Forest Service. It's the mission of this group to provide free ranger programs in and around the Flagstaff area, that provide visitors with fun learning experiences in the out of doors. It is the intent of the Roving Rangers to bring understanding and inspiration to all ages, provoking the citizens of the world to cherish our natural world and act to preserve natural and cultural resources. The Roving Rangers Partnership was created in 1991 by John Nelson, United States Forest Service (USFS) employee, and Kim Watson, National Park Service (NPS) employee. It is now in its 24<sup>th</sup> season and has delivered a multitude of guided walks and talks for visitors and residents of the Flagstaff area.

## Where we work:

During the summer, from Memorial Day Weekend through early September, the Roving Rangers conduct ranger-led programs each weekend at three local campgrounds. The partnership also provides an interpretive ranger at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Skyride to answer questions and describe the natural history and panoramic views amid the spectacular San Francisco Peaks. Some of the most loved ranger-led programs include beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments and throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest.

## The partnership:

The Partnership is an example of a working public/private relationship. The two private partners are Arizona Snowbowl and Recreation Resource Management (RRM), and the two public partners being the National Park Service and the Forest Service. RRM is contracted by the USFS to run the local Forest Service campgrounds and also to provide quality interpretation at three campgrounds with amphitheaters --- Dairy Springs Campground (west side of Mormon Lake), Pine Grove Campground (about a mile past Upper Lake Mary), and Bonito Campground (adjacent to the entrance of Sunset Crater Volcano NM). The creation of the partnership helps RRM fulfill their program requirements and enables the NPS and USFS to provide visitors with quality experiences.